

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Abstract of the Specification as follows:

The invention relates to ~~a stepping gear~~ for a clamping and/or spreading tool having a stationary jaw and a support to which ~~said the~~ stationary jaw is fixedly connected, ~~and on which a~~ A push or pull rod is slideably supported ~~on the support and;~~ a movable jaw ~~being is~~ fixedly arranged on the push or pull rod, wherein ~~the clamping and/or spreading tool~~ said stepping gear is designed to displace ~~said the~~ push or pull rod ~~together with said movable jaw~~ relative to ~~said the~~ fixed jaw in an advance direction, ~~step-by-step with at least two different stepping sizes and~~ The clamping and/or spreading tool further comprises at least one ~~trigger operating arm operateable~~ with at least two lever configurations ~~defined by at least two active levers on said operating arm,~~ wherein a mechanism for switching from a first lever configuration to a second lever configuration is provided ~~and upon an activation of the switching means, particularly in a predefined operating condition, the respective active lever can be activated directly instantaneously.~~ At least two active levers are engageable with ~~said the~~ push or pull rod via ~~said at least two drivers~~ one driver to displace the push or pull rod in an advance direction ~~according to the respective lever force transmission and at least one driver is connected to said operating arm via a coupling structure, said switching means being formed as a means for detaching said coupling structure.~~